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**RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2005, Paper Number 20050520.

Restriction to one of the following Groups was required under 35 USC §121:

I. Claims 1-13, drawn to two-layer hoses, classified in class 428, subclass 421;

II. Claims 14-21, drawn to methods of making hoses, classified in class 264, subclass (unknown); and

III. Claims 22-23, drawn to one-layer hoses, classified in class 428, subclass 35.7.

Applicants provisionally elect Group II, claims 14-21 for prosecution purposes, with traverse. Applicants hereby conditionally withdraw claims 1-13 and 22-23 from prosecution, without prejudice, and request reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement based on the following grounds. It is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement practice was established to promote efficiency of prosecution in the Patent Office. All groups of claims relate to hoses and as such could be examined efficiently in a single application. It is respectfully submitted that examination of all of the claims in a single application would be efficient, thereby promoting the grounds for the establishment of the restriction requirement practice. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that restriction should not be required and that Applicants have traversed the restriction requirement. However, as stated above, Applicants elect the claims of Group II and provisionally withdraw claims 1-13 and 22-23, without prejudice, pending reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

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The application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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